HOUSE BILL 1379

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to temporary license plates for motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(4) The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to design, issue and regulate the use of temporary plates for use in cases where dealer plates cannot be used. Temporary plates may be issued for a period of thirty (30) days and may be renewed one (1) time only for an additional thirty (30) day period. The fee for the thirty-day plate is five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50), and the fee for renewal is fifty dollars (\$50.00). No person may operate a motor vehicle for more than sixty (60) days with the temporary plate. Any motor vehicle dealer or salesperson who permits the use of such temporary plates in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties in § 55-17-114. Nothing in this section shall be construed as a grant of authority for the issuance or use of such temporary plates on trucks or truck tractors being used or tested under load conditions over the streets and highways of this state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-17-114(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (H):

- (H) The applicant or license holder has permitted the use of temporary plates in violation of § 55-4-221.
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-17-114(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (N):
 - (N) Has permitted the use of temporary plates in violation of § 55-4-221.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

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